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History and Development of the Centralized Operational Records  
for the Clandestine Services, 1948- 1952

I. Concept and Development of the Operational Records System

1. The first centralized Registry system under SSU became the Centralized Registry Division under the Chief of Administration and Services of the Office of Special Operations in both the CIG and early CIA organizational structures. About 1 October 1949, the Central Registry Division became the Intelligence Integration Division \*\*\*. At this time specialized records procedures were developed \*\*\*.

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4. As a holding mechanism for predecessor organizational material (COI, OSS, SSU, and CIG), the Archives Section was established. This section was originally established in 1945 as the OSS Archives under the former Central Registry. The primary purpose of this section was to receive and process domestic and overseas records of all of the OSS branches into a uniform system with eventual submission to the National Archives. The value of this material to the new agency was soon recognized and the OSS Archives was made a permanent part of the CIA operational records system.

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